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In re Application of:

Thomas Joseph Segatta et al

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the
specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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1. (Twice Amended) A radial tire comprising a steel cord reinforced carcass ply and an apex of a composition comprised of, based on 100 parts by weight rubber, (A) about 80 to about 97 parts by weight of at least one rubber selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, synthetic cis 1,4-polyisoprene rubber, cis 1,4-polybutadiene rubber; and (B) about 3 to about 20 parts by weight of a trans 1,4-polybutadiene rubber have [at least a 65 percent trans 1,4-content] a 65 to about 90 percent trans 1,4-content, a 5 to about a 20 percent of a vinyl 1,2-content and a 2 to about a 15 percent cis 1,4-content and, in its uncured state, a first major melting point in the range of about 35°C to about 45°C and a second minor melting point in the range of about 55°C to about 65°C.